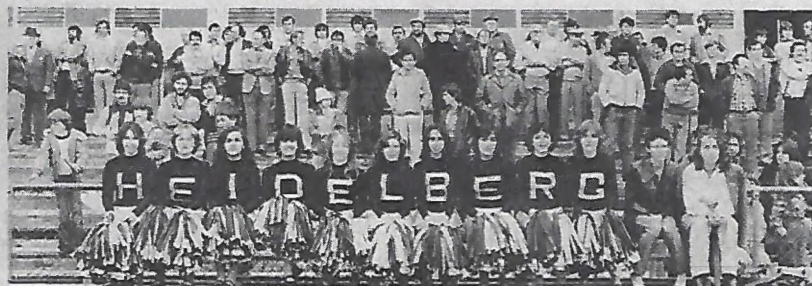


Snub for Real?



International midfield

Victorian State League club Ajax fielded midfielders from three separate countries in its triumphant Philips Cup game against Footscray J.U.S.T. last Friday. They are, from left: Billy Vojtek (Australia), Jimmy Dunne (Eire) and Willie Vassallo (Malta). Cup reports: p.8-9.



The "Heidi Birds" added a touch of glamour to Heidelberg United's clash with J.U.S.T. The young ladies pictured are all ready to cheer on the current PSL leader.

Krncevic may be barred

Marconi's Eddie Krncevic, sent off last weekend for the second time this year, may be suspended by national coach Rudi Gutendorf from the Socceroos' next match.

Gutendorf said: "I expect 100 per cent discipline from my players. What would happen if Krncevic is sent off in a World Cup game and the team loses as a result?"

"We are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on getting success for the national team, and



Eddie Krncevic

we can't afford to throw it out the window."

Chile OK

A three-match tour of Australia by Chile in August has been confirmed.

Chile, formerly coached by Australian national team boss Rudi Gutendorf, will meet the Socceroos in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

Milan opener

The St. George v South Melbourne Hellas PSL match will be the curtain-raiser to Australia's clash with AC Milan in Sydney on Sunday, May 18.

And the Marconi v Heidelberg clash scheduled for that day will be played instead on Wednesday, May 14.

BARNES IS BACK

Murray Barnes of Sydney City has been added to the inner circle of the national team.

Barnes, the tall, strong, goalscoring midfielder of Sydney City, last played for Australia against Partizan Belgrade (1-1) in Newcastle early last year. Barnes first played for Australia in 1975 in its 1-0 victory over China in Melbourne. He has played a total of 31 games for the Socceroos, including 17 full internationals, and he has scored seven goals.

Canberra City star Sebastian Giampolo was tried out during the Socceroos' training camp in Sydney last week, and showed his skill although he was strange to the rest of the squad.

Gutendorf tried George Christopoulos as sweeper and said afterwards he would urge Victorian coach Len McKendry also to use Christopoulos in that position.

"At the moment, Ivo Prskalo is the sweeper of the A team because of his great experience, but the future belongs to Christopoulos," Gutendorf said.

McKendry assisted Gutendorf at the training camp.



LAURIE SCHWAB

Real Madrid has agreed to play five games in Australia in June for about \$200,000 but gloomy rumblings from Sydney suggest the Australian Soccer Federation may block the tour.

This would deprive the Australian public of the chance to see one of the world's best teams, and the Socceroos of valuable international competition.

ASF tours organiser Michael Weinstein who also is chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, made the deal with Real Madrid.

"My job is to get the

team, to sign them up and to agree on a price. I've done my job," Weinstein said this week.

"Now it's up to the ASF executive to accept or reject the tour."

The executive meets in Sydney on Saturday.

Arguments against the tour are:

- It would further disrupt the Philips League competition;

- It would clash with the tour by Northern Ireland;

- It would be too expensive.

The arguments can be countered constructively.

Granted, it is difficult to reschedule postponed PSL matches for the end of the season, as new dates already have to be found for games postponed during the coming tours by AC Milan and Northern Ireland.

The solution is to play postponed matches mid-week, and to pay the clubs compensation from gate takings at the international matches.

The clash with Northern Ireland can be overcome by starting the two tours at opposite ends of the country.

Then there's the money. Real Madrid wants about \$200,000 for five games — \$40,000 a game — but it will pay its own air fares to and from Australia and its own accommodation — and that's cheap for a team of this calibre.

To meet the cost, the ASF needs a total of only 50,000 paying spectators spread over the five games — and even the most pessimistic State official would concede that you'd probably draw twice that number.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf said this week that to minimise disruption to the PSL, he was willing to field players from only two teams — Heidelberg and Marconi — as an Australian Eleven against Real Madrid.

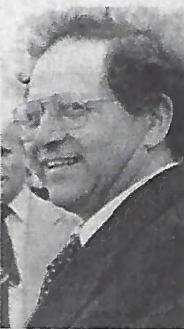
This is what he intends to do against AC Milan in Sydney on Sunday, May 18.

"I agree we must consider the welfare of the PSL clubs but at the same time I demand as much world-class opposition as possible for the national team players," he said.

"Clubs could be compensated financially for any loss of earnings if league matches have to be played mid-week."

"It would be a crying shame if the Australian public does not get a chance to see Real Madrid. Together with Hamburg and Liverpool and

ASF WILL DECIDE SATURDAY



Michael Weinstein

perhaps one or two others, Real ranks among the most spectacular teams in the world."

Michael Weinstein said it all: "If we don't get Real this time, we'll never get them."

"None of the problems is insurmountable."

"At the moment, we have one game scheduled to celebrate Australian soccer's centenary — the Australia v English FA match in Sydney on May



Rudi Gutendorf

31. How can the whole country celebrate our centenary with one match?"

"Why not extend the centenary programme by officially including the Real Madrid games all over the country?"

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Murray Barnes

and Gutendorf says he will use him more often from now on.

"And we have worked out a plan under which McKendry will, before State training every Wednesday, hand two or three of the Socceroos over to my Victorian assistant, Tony Boggs, for specialised training," Gutendorf said.

New logo

"Soccer Action" has taken the lead in introducing a distinctive logo marking Australia's soccer's centenary.

It was designed by our director Don McNeill, and appeared on page one for the first time last week.

It will continue being used on our masthead for the rest of the centenary year.

It's on TV

England team manager Ron Greenwood has promised to select the strongest possible team for the game against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 31.

Greenwood made the promise in a videotaped interview with commentator Brian Moore, shown to a Press conference in Sydney.

A TV replay of Australia v English FA will be shown by the ABC.

Jezza back to soccer



'Cally', Rudi in new mag.

A new semi-glossy monthly magazine called "Goal" appeared for the first time last week.

It is published by International Artists, the company that promoted Australia's game against the New York Cosmos in Sydney last year.

Editor is Stephen Blatchford, formerly with the "Australian".

It is a professional-produced magazine, this month featuring stories about Rudi Gut-

endorf, Blacktown City, Bobby Charlton, the NSW State League and Ian Callaghan, as well as news from overseas.

The publishers have entered a difficult field, for various other soccer magazines have been started without success in recent years. It retails at \$1.25.

Australian Rules star Alex Jesaulenko of St. Kilda was Heidelberg United's first "Patron of the Day" at the big match against Footscray J.U.S.T. last Sunday.

The idea, conceived by Heidelberg secretary-manager Ollie Norris, is to appoint prominent people as "patrons" at every home game.

Norris is pictured (left) with Heidelberg joint player-coaches Jimmy Rooney and Pat Bannon (right), welcoming Jesaulenko, who played junior soccer in Canberra.

Parents mean well, but don't understand

Last week I wrote about the way parents tend to interfere in junior coaching and games and thus actually harm the progress of their boys.

I did not mean to be nasty in what I wrote, merely realistic. I realise that the parents have only the best of intentions, but they must realise that they are not qualified to direct the way their boy should go in the sport.

If you have any strong feelings about what I wrote, I urge you to write to me care of "Soccer Action," 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic.

When I say the average parent is not qualified or capable of directing his child in soccer, allow me to make a number of points.

Firstly, and most obvious, if the parent agrees that his son should play soccer of a club, it is natural to expect the parent to put the boy under the guidance of the coach and not to interfere, the same way that he trusts in the teacher at the boy's school.

Secondly, he must acknowledge that the coach and the club have greater soccer knowledge and a greater appreciation of the wider ramifications involved.

And it is not advisable for the father to pour all his energy and anxieties into trying to ensure that his son is the best, gets the best contract, the best wages, the best position in the team — even perhaps, the best flat in town. By taking such an attitude he is in fact, elevating the son to a position akin that of the parent within the family. A boy ele-

vated in such a way is likely to develop ideas about his ability that may not be realistic and that even may be to his detriment in the long run.

I wonder how many parents appreciate just what is involved in soccer should their boy actually make it to the top.

The demands of the sport are quite unbelievable if they are to be met all the way. It is the only form of work performed with the feet and the head — that is, without the use of the hands, and that alone makes it very difficult to perform. Only endless practice will perfect the art.

And in this modern, urban period, there is less open space than previously on which to practice, so practice sessions have to be concentrated into a set time span, in a set location, with expert guidance to make sure it is carried out to the greatest benefit of the participants.

If a parent has aspirations of his boy getting right to the top of the ladder, he is well advised to consider the enormity of the sport in those rarified regions.

For example, in Brazil, when the Sao Paulo team loses, industrial production is 8% less than when the team wins.

The sport also is a phenomenally big business. Fiat is directly involved with Juventus in Turin, Philips Industries with PSV Eindhoven in Holland. Coca-Cola pours

about \$800 million into FIFA, and Adidas and Puma also inject millions to help develop the game.

Players are tied up to sponsorship deals worth fortunes. Pele, committed to Puma, showed his business sense by stopping during a televised game to tie up the laces of his Puma boots! With his team mates wearing boots of a different make, this action ensured that Puma received publicity.

In France recently, football clubs campaigned for staggered classes at State schools, to enable boys to attend coaches lessons during their off periods.

All that should give you some idea of just how big this game is at world level.

The boy with above average ability must be able to make it on his own merits and his own personality. Being dependant on a pushy father diminishes the strength of that personality and limits his potential in the long run.

The answer is to leave the boy to the coach — but first make sure that the coach is well qualified. You may not agree with his methods or ideas, but if he has formal qualification for the job, let him get on with it. After all, you have no qualification yourself.

There is so much more to playing the game than the average parent understands. The 1982 World Cup finals will, for example, show that soccer has progressed a step further towards universal participation, or "total soccer" as it was called in 1974, which will make absolute nonsense of claims by parents that their Johnny or Tommy is playing "in the wrong position."

Today every top player is expected to play with equal competence in every position on the ground and to alternate between positions and roles during every match.

To ensure a child's progress, the parent must co-operate with the coach. If the parent goes as far as trying to negotiate contracts for the boy, he is setting himself up, in many cases, in direct opposition with the coach.

Now to the continuation of last week's breakdown of training sessions for the different junior age groups.

We looked at 8-10 years last week, so now let's look at 10-12 years.

This age group has a total of 240 minutes of training per week — with the breakdown according to last week's column.

Situation training, or match training, should comprise 70%, as compared with 75% for the 8-10 group. Basic preparation (for speed and explosive power) comprises 10%, compared with 5% for the younger group, and general preparation (aerobic capacity or general fitness) is unchanged at 20%.



RALE RASIC

In addition, there should be one theory lesson per week.

I was annoyed to read in a couple of publications recently that there is enmity between me and the coaches of West Adelaide (Gerry Chaldi) and Maroon (Les Scheinflug).

Is that all the Press can think up to promote a game? If so, they're lacking imagination.

It may be a bit harder to talk about technical aspects or to build up the star qualities of players pitted against each other, but surely that's what Pressmen are there for.

To put the record straight, Gerry Chaldi and I have the best of relationships and Les Scheinflug and I speak almost daily on the phone.

Like all human beings, we have our differences of opinions, but so what? A game is not a battle of coaches, but of players. The coach does the important work in the three months before the seasons starts, and contrary to what most Pressmen seem to believe, his tactical know-how cannot win games, it can only help a little.

Coaches can't win games — only players can do that.

But then the Press' understanding of games is quite abominable at times. I don't want to say more than to point out that some sections of the Press can't even spell properly. For example, they spell the first name of Blanco, the St. George coach, Rauli, when it should be Raul. How can you win?

And the spectators also get you down sometimes. One dear supporter of Adelaide City said to me after a game: "You deserve this result because you took John Perin off." He was not alert enough to see that Perin came off to his own request due to a serious hamstring injury.

What a treat it will be for the boys attending Australian Soccer Camps during the May school holidays to have Sir Stanley Matthews as guest coach.

At 65 years young, he remains a football phenomenon — a man who played the game with distinction at top level well into his forties, and who was knighted for his efforts.

Unfortunately, Sir Stanley can't stay any longer. He will be special guest at the FA Cup final — one of the gala events for which he is sought all over the world.

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National coach Rudi Gutendorf was among the finalists in the recent Daily Mirror - Caltex Sports Star of the Year award. Peter Wilson in 1974 was the last soccer personality among the finalists. Gutendorf is pictured with the award he received at the presentation night.



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Beckenbauer, Vogts my top opponents

Australia should always qualify for the World Cup Finals.

There is a big difference between playing against Asian teams and European nations.

Opponents like Iran and Japan should not stop Australia from qualifying but of course if West Germany were in the same group then it would be a different matter.

I saw Australia in 1974 and I was very impressed. The players who stood out were Adrian Alston, Doug Utjesenovic and goalkeeper Jack Reilly.

The Australian national team is far, far better than Malta. In Malta we are only part-timers and although we train six times a week, it is only for one and a half hours each session.

It was great to be involved with European soccer, at club and national level. I have over 32 caps for Malta and the highlight of my international career is undoubtedly the six years in which I captained my country.

We found it very hard to play away from home as the other countries were so professional and we were usually very defensive.

At home it was a different matter because we would attack the opposition. The hardest nations to play were West Germany and East Germany because they would not show any mercy.



By Willie Vassallo

On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



They would not stop at one or two goals but would keep coming at you right to the end.

Our best performance was in the mid-sixties when we beat Greece 2-0 in Malta. We had an Italian coach and he told us to go out there and attack them and not to be scared.

He motivated us and lifted our morale and we went out and recorded one of our best wins.

The two outstanding results during my 11 year career with Floriana were against top Hungarian team Ferencvaros and our 1-0 defeat by NEC Nijmegen in Holland. Yet it is still hard to play in Malta because the money is poor and the same four teams — Floriana, Sliema Wanderers, Hibernians and Valetta — fight it out for honours every year.

The Victorian State League, where I now play, is better than the top league in Malta.

When I first came here to join Green Gully Ajax it was hard to adjust to the different playing surface and the style of play was different too.

In Malta we play by pushing the ball around but here the game is more direct and physical. But at Green Gully we do try to push the ball around now and we try to be patient.

The British style of going forward at all costs is not successful due to the high amount of hopeful balls that are played.

At Green Gully we are starting to come together as a team that is well organised. During my two previous years here we had good players but they did not co-operate with the coach.

It is important to respect your coach and Bobby McLachlan has our respect.

Now we go out on to the park knowing who has to mark

opposing players and what to do in set-piece situation. We practice corners and free kicks and we are now a much better tactical combination.

Five points from a possible six is a great start for us in 1980 but my aim is for Green Gully to make the top four this year.

I would love to win the championship but I don't think we are ready yet.

It is hard to play in a team that has players who don't want to play with certain other players and this is what we suffered from previously.

That is finished now and we are starting to put it together at last.

The rivalry between George Cross and us is great for the game and it adds interest to our matches.

It is the supporters who promote the rivalry and sometimes they can get a bit crazy over the thing.

We have been the lesser club in past years but this is changing now and our administrators must take credit for effecting the turn around.

Our people are hard-working and we will build ourselves into a very strong club in the near future.

We still have a lot to learn about running a successful State League outfit but we can improve, make no mistake!

Getting back to Maltese soccer a few years ago we imported Sir Stanley Matthews to improve our standards in many facets of the game.

Surprisingly, the main influence he had on our game was the introduction of the off-side trap, and it is commonly used now.

This surprised me because he was renowned as a right winger and I had expected him to improve our attacking capabilities.

He did not do much for Maltese soccer.

I am an adventurous mid-fielder but at present Billy Vojtek is going forward and I am hanging back.

I don't mind it like that, but I don't care for the physical style of some of the teams in our league.

Sure, you get closely marked, and you learn to live with it after a while.

I just want to play for as long as possible and after my playing days are over I would like to give coaching a try.

I don't know much about the coaching set-up over here but I will soon pick it up.

I suppose you could say that coaching is my main ambition in my later years.

That is a long way away and when I finally give up playing I will always give great memories of my soccer career.

Playing against Franz Beckenbauer, Berti Vogts and East Germany's Martin Hoffman was a great experience.

They were so brilliant that they even stood out in their own team.

Soccer has certainly been good to me.

I have been fortunate enough to play all over Europe but now I am settled here and I am looking forward to being granted permanent residency in my new home.



TOM ANDERSON

Greenwood's comeback

If any Australian club coach is fed up and ready to throw in the towel, he should have a word with England team manager Ron Greenwood who will be here for the Centenary game with the Socceroos next month.

Three years ago Greenwood was completely disenchanted with the game. So much so he decided to give it away.

Today he's sitting on top of the world as England's successful team manager.

Since he took over the England team, the Poms have lost only twice in 24 games.

After England's recent 2-0 win over Spain, Greenwood received plaudits from far and wide for his team's performance.

Not bad for a man who intended to retire three years ago!

At the start of the 1977-78 season Greenwood decided this would be his last with West Ham, where he had been since 1961.

He sold his home in London and bought another at the seaside resort of Brighton.

He also became general manager of West Ham and turned over the team manager's job to John Lyall.

Greenwood was completely fed up with life. Then Don Revie resigned from the England manager's job and the FA asked Greenwood to take over on a temporary basis — just for three months, as they put it.

At the time, Greenwood thought he was just chosen as a stop-gap until the likes of Brian Clough of Nottingham Forest or Bobby Robson of Ipswich got clear of club commitments.

Some stop-gap! Greenwood now is going full blast for the European Championships in Italy and the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

So to you Aussie club coaches who are thinking of calling it a day — don't.

Wait and have a word with Ron Greenwood.

Sir Stanley Matthews who is at present conducting coaching classes for the kids in New South Wales reckons one of the biggest mistakes he made in soccer was to retire too early.

Matthews by the way retired when he was 50.

"You know, I retired at 50, thinking it was good enough. It was a mistake and I could have gone on for much longer," he declared.

Blimey, I know some players who are thinking of retiring and they're only in their mid 20's.

But Stan is one out of the box. Indeed he's a sporting freak — I'm sure he'll forgive this expression.

Today he's probably more involved in the game than ever before.

If he's not here in Australia, he's in America and Canada running his Stanley Matthews Soccer Camps.

Or maybe in South Africa involved with the black kids at Soweto.

Matthews is a hard taskmaster with the kids — as many have found out since he has been here.

He believes that a bad coach can spoil a good young player.

He also believes that kids should be allowed, to develop their own flair and that it's no good throwing textbooks or systems at them.

The presence of Sir Stanley Matthews has been good for the kids of Australia.

Come to think of it, it's been good for some of the oldies as well.

A wage of \$400 a week to go full-time is what the national team players have been told they will get from the ASF next year.

Which is good money if you can get it.

Most of the national team players certainly agreed to accept full-time terms when the suggestion was put to them in the training camp at Brighton last week.

However it seems that this full-time plan is still on the drawing board.

I hope the ASF officials make no mistakes in this fine idea.

There are many young men's futures at stake and any blunders could be catastrophic.

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Total so far for 1980: 219,286 (Rd 2 match Foots v Can. yet to be played).

Corresponding totals for previous years: 1979 — 257,923; 1978 — 265,362; 1977 — 241,584.

Attendance breakdowns for round eight last weekend and in previous seasons:

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W. Adel. v Can.	(1-0) 3500	5200 (1-1)	3500 (0-0)	2000 (1-1)
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STH MELBOURNE.....	2	1	1	3	2	3	0	1	6	2	9:4	11	
Brisbane Lions.....	3	0	1	6	3	2	1	1	8	7	14:10	11	
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APIA-Leichhardt.....	2	1	1	6	8	0	0	4	2	7	8:15	5	
St. George BSC.....	1	0	3	5	12	1	1	2	6	9	11:21	5	
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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

NEWCASTLE 3 ADELAIDE CITY 1 at International Sports Field. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE: Preston 9 Reaney 9 Curran 8 Drinkwater 9 Bertogna 8 Cowburn 7 Mason 8 Tredinnick 7 Heys 7 Trenter 7 (Dunkin 8 14th minute) Jones 8. ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 6 Dadds 9 Jones 8 Russell 8 Nyakohus (B) 7 Perin 8 Muniz 7 Melia 7 Marocchi 8 Besir 7 J. Nyakohus 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 BLACKTOWN CITY 0 at Perry Park. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 8, Ontong 9, Bennett 9, Hermiston 10, Niven 9, Hogg 9, Lindsay 6, Millman 7, McGregor 9, McNaughton 5 (Spearritt 45th, 7), Verweij 7.

BLACKTOWN CITY: James 9, Rasmussen 7, Cuk 7, Pointer 7, Harris 7, Hormazabel 6, Turnbull 6, Ortega 8 (Pollard 82nd), Amey 6, Wilkinson 6 (Dolton 82nd), Hunter 6.

MARCONI 0 ST. GEORGE 0 at Marconi Stadium. Ratings by Ted Smithies:

MARCONI: A. Maher 8, P. Brogan 7, P. Degney 7, J. Russell 7, I. Praskalo 7, G. Byrne 8, P. Raskopoulos 7, K. Lindsay 7 (M. Jankovics 87), E. Krncevic 6, (sent off) B. Mariani 7, P. Sharpe 7.

ST GEORGE: D. Smith 7, S. Ververs 7, P. Terry 7, D. McIntosh 7, D. Utjesenovic 9, R. Gnani 6, (P. Kay 45th), M. Barton 7, D. Duarte 6, (R. Cotton 57th), P. Beggs 6, P. Katholos 6, W. Griffiths 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 CANBERRA 0 at Middle Park. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 8 — V. Bannon 9, Lutton 8 (sub Wright 37th) Zanthopoulos 9, Davidson 6 — Rogers 5 (sub Kakantonis 57th) Evans 8, Christopoulos 7 — Campbell 8, Cummings 7, Buljevic 6.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 7 — Moulis 8, Milovanovic 9, R. O'Shea 7, Williams 8 — Cole 7, J. O'Shea 8, Byrne 6 (sub Brennan 57th) — Giampaolo 7, Valeri 6, MacLaren 6.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 BRISBANE CITY at Hindmarsh Ratings by Meno Toutisidias:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — McGregor 8, Forde 7, Maricic 7, Bozanic 7 — Menecas 8, Honeyman 8, McKie 8 — Koulianos 8, Kosmina 8, Norris 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 8 — Wilkinson 8, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 8, Caldwell 8 — Coyne 8, Gaffney 7, Potter 8 (Tripp) — Kelao 7, Palinkas 7 Confessors 7 (Brusascos).

SYDNEY CITY 4 APIA-LEIGHHARDT 2 at Marksfield. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 8, Stevenson 8, Watson 8, Barnes 9 (sub Soumass 57th), Boden 8, Smith 8, (sub M. Silva 73rd), Silva 8, Spanos 8.

LEIGHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 7, McGinn 8, Wilson 7, Dempsey 6, McAusland 6, O'Connor 9, O'Donnell 6, Pullen 6, Morsello 6, Samuels 6 (sub McKie 45 mins 6).

Leading averages:

8.4 Cole (H'berg), V. Bannon (SM), Barnes (SC).

8.3 Hermiston (BL), Kondarios (Foots), Laumeta (SC).

8.2 Hogg (BL), Milovanovic (Can), Mullen (SC).

8.1 Bennett (BL), Reaney (Newc).

8.0 Scanlan (BL), Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Watson (SC).

7.9 Millman (BL), Giampaolo (Can), Tansey (H'berg), Maher (Marc), Boden (SC).

7.8 Pointer (Black), Stark (Can), McMillan (H'berg), Sharpe (Marc), Xanthopoulos (SM), Clarke, S. O'Connor, Spanos (SC).

HEIDELBERG UTD 3 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 at Olympic Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 8 — McMillan 8, Yzendoorn 8, P. Bannon 7, Tansey 8 — Campbell 9, Selemidis 9, Rooney 9 — Cole 9, Paton 9, Bozika 8.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 7 — Hazabent 7, O'Reilly 7, Rujevic 7 (Simic 85th) Ollerton 6, Petrov 7 — Belic 7, Piciore 8, Iliaski 8 — Vasic 6, (Cozella 85th), Lujic 7.

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7.8 Spanos (SC).

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4. Duarte (St.G.), Sharne (Marc), Jenkovic (Marc), Giampaolo (Can), O'Connor (APIA).
3. Picciano, Vasic, Lujic (Foot), Valeri (Can), Samuels (APIA), Smith (SC).

BEST UNDER 21 PLAYER AWARD

A return trip to Surfers Paradise for two by courtesy of Parthenon Travel in conjunction with T.A.A. will go to the best Under 21 player according to Soccer Action Ratings



Canberra's Sebastian Giampaolo has the ball under control as Hellen defender Arthur Xanthopoulos tries to close him down. Vince Bannon is in the background. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Heidelberg goal sneak Jamie Paton watches the ball (out of picture) as his fall is cushioned by J.U.S.T. defender Igor Hazabent.

Adelaide next victim, Hellas meets J.U.S.T.

BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

Round 9 of the 1980 PSL presents Rale Rasic's Adelaide City as the next morsel to satisfy the hunger of Heidelberg Utd at Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide.

Canberra coach Vic Fernandez believes that Heidelberg is the best team in the PSL and should carry off the championship.

It is unusual for an opposition coach to offer such high praise and it is indicative of the brilliance of the all-conquering United boys who aim to maintain their leader status against all comers.

It will require all of Adelaide City's expertise to overcome the striking power of Gary Cole and Jamie Paton.

Perhaps the locals will try to stem the supply of balls to Heidelberg's deadly duo.

Stifling the Heidelberg midfield is a task that few clubs have succeeded in recently and Adelaide should not change the pattern.

The local Melbourne derby between Hellas and J.U.S.T. should attract a huge crowd. Check the daily Press for the venue, which was being decided upon as we went to Press.

The Footscray team, at peak fitness, is starting to produce the attractive soccer that it was famous for before the inception of the PSL.

Hellas is rebuilding its reputation as one of Australia's premier teams and the solidity of sweeper Bertie Lutton will prove a formidable barrier to overcome.

The highlight of the match will be the clash between Hellas right back Vince Bannon and J.U.S.T. left winger Zdravko Lujic. My money is on Bannon who jockeys well, comes out with the ball when he commits him-

self and has as much pace as Lujic.

Lujic may struggle all afternoon as Bannon will make the most of this opportunity to add weight to his claim for national team selection.

Two points for Hellas should erase the question mark over the reputed comeback of the West Melbourne club.

West Adelaide coach Gerry Chaldi visits Bruce Stadium wondering how to curb Canberra's Walter Valeri, Sebastian Giampaolo and Don MacLaren.

West's fullback Vic Bozanic often comes forward and exposes the Adelaide defence.

Chaldi's boys must not get caught on the break otherwise they will be flying home disillusioned with the problems facing their team which is currently suffering its worst start to a PSL season.

Brisbane City hopes to emulate its neighbours Lions when it tackles Sydney City at Perry Park.

The Slickers' memoir of their last Queensland excursion should prompt them to show no mercy towards the struggling locals as the Brisbane boys could be on the end of a hefty hammering.

Blacktown, seemingly glued to the bottom of the ladder, can surprise APIA and the talents of City's Ian Hunter could see the visitors scrape a draw from this encounter.

The Leichhardt lads are inconsistent and if Blacktown's Dave Harding can maintain his return to top form, Hunter could get the service he deserves.

The weekend's games with likely winners and previous results:

IN SYDNEY

Leichhardt v Blacktown (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. No previous results.

St. George v Newcastle (draw) at Barton Stadium,

does not, in any way, deserve the criticism which is, in some quarters, heaped on him.

There are whisperings that all is not well with KB United. That is completely false. From top to bottom of the administration list there is harmony and a determination to work for the club's advancement.

"I don't know where all this whispering started but I do know that it has no basis," said Paul Trisley, the club's hard-working and highly capable secretary. "We are a happy band from the president down to the ball boys and there is no dissension. But there is a will to work for the good of the club."

Vest said that he is elated at the obvious increased attitude of determination among the players following the "knocking" of them and the club.

"The boys have trained remarkably well and their confidence has increased considerably," he said. "They obviously want to knock the 'knockers'."

And now Northcote...

Adelaide City's woes continued last week when Brian Northcote dropped out due to a groin operation.

He is the sixth player lost to City. The others have been Chris Kent and Robert Marve who have been transferred, Jim Muir who is still on the transfer list, Charlie Villani who is injured, Dixie Deans who returned to Scotland and Vic Smythe who did not live up to expectations.

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KB against the wind

NEWCASTLE UTD 3
ADELAIDE CITY 1

Scorers: Marshall own goal 18th, Mason (NU) 35th, Dobbins (NU) 50th. Referee: David Nugent 6. Ground: International Sports Centre. Weather: Cloudy and Windy. Cautions: Tredinnick, Dods (AC), Perin (AC). Crowd: 5,814.

A sparkling defensive performance by Newcastle KB United allowed the local team to gain two valuable points against Adelaide City.

Although obviously the most skillful side, City was given little latitude by the swift moving United players.

The first real chance came in the ninth minute when Graham Heys dispossessed Bugsy Nyshokub, but his shot was well saved by Peter Marshall. Newcastle's long list of injuries compounded dramatically in the 14th minute when Mark Treuter had to be replaced by Dave Deakin because of a knee injury.

Things did not look good for the local side but four minutes later, from a Heys corner on the left, Newcastle took the lead.

The ball was kicked into the wind on the near post and Marshall could only punch it into his own net. It was the tonic Newcastle needed. Only a minute later, Tredinnick could have doubled the score. The ball was intercepted and with the Adelaide City defence inclined to play the offside rule, there was no cover but the situation was retrieved by Marshall.

However the out rushing defence was caught in the 38th minute when Tredinnick received a pass from Drinkwater on the touching, crossed into the centre and Craig Mason, breaking through the middle, beat Marshall without difficulty, for the second time in the afternoon.

At the half-time score at 2-0 and almost a gale force wind facing Newcastle in the second half, the game was far from over.

Adelaide City started the second half menacingly and in the 54th minute, from a corner on the night, Glenn Dods skinned the bar with his shot.

Whist Adelaide City continued to press forward using the wind to advantage and exposing itself at the back.

Newcastle put the issue beyond doubt in the 65th minute when Drinkwater intercepted a ball on the edge of his penalty area. His quick transfer to Mason allowed the United midfielder to exploit the gap on the left and send Deakin away. The striker burst into the penalty area and unleashed a great left foot drive to send the local team to a commanding 3-0 lead.

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By now Adelaide City was getting desperate, but the local team rose to the occasion and the marking and defensive work was outstanding.

Nine minutes from the end Gary Marocchi burst through the middle only to find Preston in superlative form who came out to smother the chance.

One minute later Marocchi tried a long shot but once again Preston was up to the occasion and pushed the ball around the post.

But with five minutes to go Adelaide finally broke through and once again it was from a scrimmage inside the six yard area. Brett Cowburn put the ball in his own net to give the visitors their first goal.

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Krnecvic in disgrace

MARCONI 0
ST. GEORGE 0

Crowd: 4,624. Goals: Nil. Ground: Marconi Stadium. Referee: J. Reeves 5. Yellow Cards: R. Gnavi, M. Barton. Red Cards: E. Krnecvic.

Lowly placed St. George fought Marconi to a 0-0 draw in a gritty performance to earn its fifth point after eight rounds of the PSL.

The match was very tight with St. George not allowing Marconi any room. The tackling was spirited and at times the tension broke the surface when both players acting irresponsibly.

The most notable was Marconi's 'ace' striker Eddie Krnecvic who was dismissed in the second minute of injury time of the first half.

It seems that Krnecvic's previous marching orders against Brisbane City had done nothing to curb his temper for he childishly responded to some Rudi Gnavi jostling by dashing out and kicking Gnavi on the legs. Referee Reeves was only a metre away and prevented Krnecvic with the red card.

This incident aside, Marconi had the better of play almost camping in St. Georges half and creating numerous chances with the ball going everywhere but into the net.

St. George certainly had its chances and it took some brave work by Alan Maher to prevent it scoring on at least two occasions.

It was St. George which had the first real chance when in the 13th minute Billy Griffiths broke clear of some sloppy defence and was left with only Maher to beat. Alan, who has been more willing to come off his line this season, came out and forced Griffiths wide and the shot ended in the side netting.

Marconi quickly rallied when only minutes later it looked all set to go up as Paul Deakin scored. The striker worked tirelessly all over the field, and it looks like he's back to stay.

It was ironic that J.U.S.T., having started the match with the team of stopping Heidelberg by playing it tight at the back, should lose because it opened up wide in the second half.

Jamie Paton opened the scoring in the 12th minute after accepting a pass from Eddie came infield and hammered a shot which had Don Smith, who was well off his line, reaching to tip over the bar.

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Two more for Cole

HEIDELBERG 3
FOOTSCRAY 2

Scorers: Heidelberg: Cole 52nd & 64th, Paton 12th; Footscray: Lujic 47th, Picioane 84th. Ground: Olympic Park. Crowd: About 4800. Referee: Ken Allen 7. Cautions: O'Reilly (F).

Married brilliantly by Jimmy Rooney who was the king-pin in an extraordinary midfield, Heidelberg should have won more decisively, as Gary Cole hit the crossbar with a penalty shot.

Rooney and fellow midfielders Theo Selemidis and Jim Campbell worked expertly at backing up attacks, darting in as additional forwards and dropping back quickly to cover when moves broke down.

With Jim Tansey and Arthur McMillan moving up on the flanks, Andy Borkas buzzing about all over the forward line, and Cole and Jamie Paton playing their target roles to perfection, Heidelberg punished Footscray with that faultless team-work which may win it the championship.

J.U.S.T. wasn't up to Heidelberg's high standard, but its performance was nevertheless commendable, as Jim Kondorakis was still out injured and Slobodan Jovanovic also was sidelined with an injury from Friday's Phillips Cup match against Ajax.

In trying to stop Heidelberg, J.U.S.T. coach Rocco Ile used a five-man defence, in which former Soccerco striker Peter Clerton marked Cole without much effect.

J.U.S.T.'s attack was based on long balls by Joe Picioane to strikers Dragan Vasic and Zdravko Lujic. Every time Picioane was involved in one way or another. He also scored J.U.S.T.'s second goal six minutes from the end and had another good attempt stopped by a flying save from goalkeeper Zoran Iliosc, back after spending much time on the bench, was in fine form. He worked tirelessly all over the field, and it looks like he's back to stay.

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Wilson in midfield

SYDNEY CITY 4
LEICHHARDT 2

Scorers: Barnes 4th & 28th; Boden 41, 71, O'Connor 83rd & 85th. Ground: Marks Field. Crowd: 3460. Weather: Fair. Referee: Tony Boskovic - 9.

Dempsey ordered off 85th. The dynamic striking combination of Ken Boden and Murray Barnes once again made it a joy day for Sydney City at the well-manicured Marks Field.

The Slickers' 'Terrible Two' grabbed two goals apiece and broke the hearts of the Leichhardt defenders.

Again it was a great team effort by Sydney City who did not have a weakness in their line-up.

One has to feel a touch of pity for their opponents at Marks Field these days with City in this form.

They have so many good individual players that it is impossible to mark them all tightly.

Their cohesion and technical play is also very polished and nothing is left to chance.

Throughout the years, City has always been a formidable team but now, under coach Eddie Thomson, it is a dynamic unit capable of scaling the highest peak.

The only Leichhardt player to really match the Slickers in this one was Soccerco striker Phil O'Connor who also notched two goals.

However O'Connor's goals came seven minutes from the end when the score was 4-0 for City and it was all over bar the shouting.

Although they could not match the skill of City, Leichhardt must be complimented for their fighting spirit. They tried hard throughout the 90 minutes and never gave up.

Their only black spot was the ordering off by referee Tony Boskovic of team captain Jim Dempsey in the 85th minute after an alleged foul tackle on Ken Boden.

The experienced Dempsey has only himself to blame for getting a red card and referee Boskovic has no other alternative but to send him off.

Dempsey hit Boden with a very hard tackle which definitely looked illegal.

Referee Boskovic booked him and after the booking, Dempsey threw the ball away and was then given first go at the soap in the shower.

Why players should their actions in such a manner never ceases to amaze me. Dempsey should have accepted the booking in the first place as he looked very much in the wrong.

Another strange happening in the Leichhardt team set-up was the decision to play former Soccerco captain Peter Wilson as a defensive midfielder.

After many glorious years as the best libero in Australia, Wilson was completely at sea in his new role.

However I will not place one inch of blame on this great player who should not have been placed in such a situation at this stage of his career.

After Dempsey had been sent off, Wilson reverted to his usual role of libero and the Leichhardt defence looked better than it had all the game.

Leichhardt played without Peter Stone and Billy Pirie who were injured.

Maybe when these two return the team will start functioning the way coach Willie Wallace wants it to.

But there are definite problems in midfield and until they are rectified Leichhardt will struggle.

After the game Wallace was not too complimentary about Slickers' performance.

"If they were a champion team they would have finished us off," Wallace said.

Wallace was also highly critical of referee Boskovic. "I'm afraid I can't go along with him on any of the counts in this one."

City Coach Thomson said he was quite satisfied with his team's performance but was a bit annoyed that they had eased up in the last 10 minutes to let O'Connor in to score his two goals.

To sum up, I will say that City won with a great deal in hand and thoroughly deserved the points.

Defence hangs on

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1
CANNERRA 0

Scorers: Christopoulos. Ground: Middle Park. Crowd: 3,800. Referee: Evan Venios 4. Cautions: Moulis (Canberra).

South Melbourne Hellas withstood the charging hordes of yellow shirted Canberra players to match a dramatic win at Middle Park.

The last 20 minutes was all Canberra as the visitors fanned out into a 4-2-4 formation in an effort to pull back its one-goal deficit.

After just three minutes, referee Evan Venios ruled that Mike Milovanovic had deliberately handled a Branko Buljevic cross when it seemed that the Canberra defence could not get out of the way.

George Christopoulos made no mistake from the spot and a dream start for the home side had come true.

Canberra maintained its usual attacking 4-3-3 style but whenever the ball went wide up front, Hellas full back Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson were unbeatable.

Alan Evans resumed his duties as captain and had a fine first half, working hard and building up many Hellas forward thrusts and generally leading by setting a good example.

In the 26th minute George Campbell picked up the ball on the half way line.

Campbell moved down the left before sending a precise crossfield ball to Evans who had ghosted up wide on the right.

From 25 yards Evans let fly with a scorching right-foot drive that shook Canberra keeper Steve Koskowiak who could only parry the ball out to Harry Williams who cleared.

Yet the best chance of the half fell to Canberra's Terry Byrne who should have levelled the scores.

On the stroke of half time Canberra's right back Danny Moulis overlapped down the right wing.

Moulis was fouled just outside the area and the resulting free kick was sent to the far post where Sebastian Giampolo headed the ball across the face of goal to Byrne who headed against the crossbar with the goal at his mercy.

The visitors started the second half pushing forward in search of the equaliser.

Hellas centre back Arthur Xanthopoulos challenged strongly for everything in the air and he beat Walter Valeri hands down.

Left back Davidson could not hold Giampolo who stayed wide on Canberra's right and continually took on and beat his opponent to see his crosses either cleared or misheaded.

When coach Vic Fernandez saw the chance of a point constantly thwarted by the Hellas defence he brought on Tony Brennan for an out-of-touch Byrne in midfield.

Fernandez took a gamble by switching to a 4-2-4 formation, thus exposing his defence to the Hellas midfield breaking into attack.

Canberra threw everything at the home side's defence but the new Hellas social club but nothing gave way although it was a close call as if a goal was seconds away.

Three times during this Canberra onslaught the Hellas defence sent we George Campbell on his way and his pin-point crosses were missed on the far post.

Campbell could have sewn the game up when Branko Buljevic's first-time ball setup the we Scot from only 10 yards out.

Campbell shot high when a better result should have been forthcoming.

When Hellas seemed out on its feet from continual Canberra pressure, referee Evan Venios correctly blew up for full time.

Hellas had escaped with two points after a gutsy fighting performance throughout which Bannon, Xanthopoulos, Campbell and Evans had been the fore.

Canberra was best served by Milovanovic, Jim O'Shea

Manecas magic

WEST ADELAIDE 1
BRISBANE CITY 0

Scorer: Bobby Kerr. Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium. Weather: Mild. Referee: Bobby Kerr.

Graham Norris, the man who came back, made West's bleak Anzac Day weekend look brighter when he scored the only goal of the match against unfortunate Brisbane City.

After the 3-1 loss to Perth's Dalmatinac in the Phillips Cup on Anzac Day, West was a dejected, battered team.

Nearly all of its players were carrying some sort of injury from the Perth match which coach Gerry Chaldi called a bullfight.

But they responded magnificently against Brisbane City which also fell in the first round of the Cup.

However, it took West until just after half time to hit the form it has displayed at home this season.

Brisbane City took most of the honours in the first half with a courageous, spirited display. It should have gone into the lead early as the sixth minute when Willie Wilkinson headed over Marty Crook but he couldn't beat defender Tom Forde who headed clear.

With Brisbane's midfield of Coyne, Gaffney and Potter functioning perfectly against a hesitant West team, it seemed likely Brisbane would make up for that miss.

West was desperately unlucky not to have scored in the 26th minute when Gaffney drove a powerful shot against the foot of the post.

And just seven minutes later Coyne was denied a goal when Marty Crook raced off his line to block a shot.

In between all this West had one major chance - a good shot from John Koskowiak who took a deflection for a corner kick.

West was a vastly improved team after half time. Graham Honeyman, a hard worker in the first half, got even better after the break and was supported by young Ian McKie, Manecas, George Koulianos and Koskowiak.

Indeed, every member of the team lifted and gave Chaldi the sort of performance he had been waiting for.

West's goal in the 54th minute was a piece of glorious magic, on the stroke of half time a firm pass to Koskowiak who sprinted after the ball, caught it before it rolled over the line and found Graham Norris (back after a stint with Azura) at the near post to flick a glorious shot past Martin Coe.

Almost immediately Honeyman's header was cleared off the Brisbane goal line.

Vic Bozant followed that up with a furious 25-metre shot which flew inches over the crossbar.

West was getting plenty of drive from its midfield and it was in this period that McKie, a teenager signed from Enfield Victoria in March, impressed greatly.

McKie came into the side when Shraga Topolanski was sidelined with an injured foot and the former Israeli international will find it difficult to displace McKie if he maintains this form.

Koulianos, another young player, is beginning to show the form West fans had expected from him three seasons ago.

At the other end of the ground, Brisbane's Dominic Confessore impressed with his speed and skill and with Joe Falinakis, still a very dangerous player, on the other flank, it is inevitable that Brisbane will lift itself off the bottom.

Indeed, City is littered with quality players and it probably only needs a morale boosting win to send it on its way.

It could have got that "boost" if Gaffney had not blasted the ball wide of the park after charging through West's defence two minutes from the end.

Hermiston faultless

BRISBANE LIONS 1
BLACKTOWN CITY 0

Scorer: McGregor 71st. Ground: Lions Stadium. Weather: Fine. Crowd - 3231. Referee: D. Miles. Cautions - Ortega (BC).

Lions had a little more trouble than expected but finally completed their third successive home victory by beating Blacktown City 1-0 in a match which only came to life in the second half.

Blacktown struggled as one would expect from a team in the bottom of the league and in its first season of PSL.

Yet, due to a shoddy first-half effort by Lions, Blacktown could well have scored a goal or two in that period.

One of their hardest workers, midfielder Carlos Ortega, struck a shot just wide after some careless defence, Ricky Hormazabal had a shot blocked by Graham Wilson.

Paul Wilkinson, stole a ball from the virtually kicked out of his arms and later, when Paul Wilkinson, Warren Turbull tested Scanlan with a powerful shot.

Lions had Paul Ontong back in the defence due to an injury sustained by young Graham Wilson, and they most certainly should not have played Kiwi Mark McNaughton.

He has been under a cloud for some weeks and it was obvious after the match started that he would not see it out, and eventually came off at half time.

Lions did not test Blacktown keeper Bruce James seriously in the second session, but once they put their mind to the job in the second period, it was a different story.

Blacktown reorganised their defence, with Turnbull playing in the middle and with new faces, Peter Cuk and Tony Rasmussen, who had not been listed in the squad, playing at centre back and right back respectively.

The players who sparked Lions' second half revival were young striker Tom McGregor, who had a blinder on the left wing, and midfielder Steve Hogg, who played most of the second session on the right wing.

Lions' defence again was formidable, with Scanlan, Ontong, Col Bennett and Niven again in uncompromising form against a Blacktown attack, they had little trouble containing.

But the player of the match undoubtedly was Lions' experienced sweeper Jim Hermiston who produced yet another faultless performance.

Whether tidying up things at the back or pressing forward eagerly in attack, Hermiston's head and shoulders above all in skill and vision.

Once Lions got on top, it seemed the goals would not take long to come, but they were held out in an exasperating period when they did everything but score.

Johan Verweij, a menace with his powerful left foot, was thundering first timer inches wide, and later had a goalbound header cleared off the line by Cliff Pointer.

The goal which broke the deadlock finally came in the 71st minute, when Bennett nodded down a Hogg corner, and the exuberant McGregor darted in to ram the ball home.

It was his third goal in the league and cup, within a week.

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IN MELBOURNE
Footscray v South Melbourne Hellas. Previous results: 1977 - J.U.S.T. 2-2, 2-0, 1978 - SM 2-0, 4-0, 1979 - SM 2-0, 1-1. Advantage: Goals: 3 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, goals: 11-5.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City v Heidelberg. Previous results: 1977 - AC 1-0, 1978 - AC 1-0, 1979 - AC 3-0, 2-0. Advantage: Goals: 3 wins, 3 draws, goals: 8-2.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Sydney City at Perry Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 3-1, 0-0, 1978 - SC 3-0, 2-0, 1979 - SC 1-0, BC 1-0. Advantage: Sydney City 4 goals, 3 wins, 3 draws, goals: 8-2.

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Morovic powers Sunshine

The State League results are not merely unpredictable, they are downright crazy.

Croatia burst back with a vengeance to destroy the talented Hakoah by four goals.

Hakoah has mustered a fine squad, but it was spirit that was lacking against Croatia, not talent.

Who would have thought that Sunshine would drag itself off the mat and come out full of fight to show Juventus what effort was all about?

Juve coach Manny Poulakis described some of his players as lacking strength and "jumping out of tackles".

Setting on the outcome of any game borders on lunacy and there will be a few punters seen in the dole queues before the season is out.

CROATIA 5 (Batinovic 2, Gilder, Mitten, Tront) HAKOAH 1 (Gibson)

CROATIA: Blasby — Short, Adams, Kokoska, Ellav — Tront, Andrews, Murphy — Batinovic, Gilder, Mitten.



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

far from the driving forces they usually are.

Carl Gilder opened the scoring after two shots had rebounded off the Hakoah keeper.

Mitten's run of outs came to a halt when he pounced on Ken Murphy's miss hit shot to score number three.

Hakoah showed a bit more heart in the second half but the game was over by then.

The St. Kilda team never seems to perform well against Croatia and it missed a golden

opportunity to get a good result in the absence of Croatia stars John Gardiner and Tommy Cumming.

SLAVIA 0 GEORGE CROSS 2 (Castiello, Paparaz)

SLAVIA: Pujilase — N. Haupt, Houston, Bjelica, J. Cullen — Cooke, Brindley, Pye — McGilchrist (inj. sub. G. Haupt half time).

GEORGE CROSS: Graham — Cutajar, Wilkinson, Bilasic, Maltland — Hooper, Castiello, Morgan — Mizz, Viti (sub Zeigler 70th) Paparaz.

When nothing goes right for you it seems that the whole world is against you.

Slavia coach Tony Vrzina must feel that the weight of the world is on his shoulders after two catastrophic events prior to this match which was seen as a chance for the struggling Slavia to gain its first two points for season 1980.

George Cross took advantage of Slavia's woes and stunned the home team with two goals scored within a minute of the kick-offs in both halves.

Tony Castiello slammed the ball into the top corner when the game was just a few seconds old.

George Cross seemed to be patting itself on the back for the remainder of the first half but a half-time blast from coach Archie Campbell produced the killer goal a minute after the restart.

Rajko Bjelica's ineffectual clearance was eventually slotted home by Jim Paparaz and the issue was settled.

In the 70th minute John Cullen looked to have scored when he headed over keeper Hugh Graham only to see Phil Cutajar head off the line.

George Cross has not conceded a goal in two games and is getting it slowly together. Its spirit is an encouraging sign for the coming challenges.

CROYDON 0 ALTONA 0.

CROYDON: Edwards — McKinley, McCombe, Pongho, Hobson — Spinks, Smith, Murphy (sub Howarth 85th) Wylie — Forsyth, Brogan.

ALTONA: van der Poel — Lewis, Connell, Gramsbergen, J. Little — Kelly, Whyte, Waters, Innes — Crew, N. Little (sub DeLuca).

While Altona's Nat Little celebrated his 15th game for the club, Croydon coach Norm Hobson was wondering what he has to do to get just a spot of luck.

Three minutes from the end the referee ruled that Dave Brogan was brought down inside the penalty area.

Altona was unhappy with the decision and its players argued vehemently.

Then there was an argument about the whereabouts of the penalty spot.

This led to three of the visiting players being booked for dissent.

Throughout this uproar Croydon's Steve McCombe was waiting to take the penalty and he finally made his attempt some three minutes after the decision had gone the home side's way.

McCombe blazed the ball high over the crossbar and the deadlock remained unbroken.

Both teams showed good organisation at the back and McCombe won everything in the air and pushed forward well when the home side had possession.

SUNSHINE 2 (Morovic 2) JUVENTUS 1

SUNSHINE: Contini — Donaldson, Ellis, Muzzel, McRobert (inj. sub. R. Nelson 60th) Laing, Singleton, Morovic — Mudrinovic, Plocock, McNally (sub Coyle half time).

JUVENTUS: Reilly — Curcio, Della Rocca, Nelson, Sabadini — Crino (sub Barnwell 85th) Sabadini, Henry — Ristovski, Gillan (sub Incentakupo 80th) McGuinness.

Sunshine recorded a thoroughly deserved win at the expense of inconsistent Juventus.

The home team gave 90 minutes of hard work in contrast to Juve which does not show enough strength in the

tackle and relies too much on its ball players for results.

The contrast in styles proved favorable to the Shiners who never gave Juve a chance to settle.

Oscar Crino is a talented youngster but he is caught in possession too often and immediately puts his defence under pressure.

The first half was even and the 60 half-time scoreline was indicative of the success of both defences.

The second half belonged to birthday boy Dennis Morovic who celebrated the day by evening up George Gillan's goal with a cracking shot from 20 yards that left Juve keeper Jack Reilly floundering.

Juve coach Manny Poulakis was not pleased at a keeper with Reilly's experience being beaten from such a distance but nothing can be taken away from the brilliance of Morovic's shot.

It was the tonic that the Shiners needed and, pressing forward, they gained the reward their pressure deserved when Morovic nodded home the winner from Peter Donaldson's cross.

FRANKSTON 1 (Adams) GREEN GULLY 2 (Vojtek, Bennett)

FRANKSTON: Whiteside — Parton, Lowe, McCluskey, Valli — Buchanan, Cooper, Coulson (sub Hurley 70th) — Adams, Wall, Young.

GREEN GULLY: Denys — Hogen, Smart, Patton, Crilly — Bennett, Vojtek, Dunne, Vessallo — Bennie (sub Segl 65th) Morrey.

Green Gully did not play well but showed a lot of character in overcoming the mental barrier of a two-hour battle with JUST to come back to earth and snatch two points from a fighting Frankston side.

In the 23rd minute Bill Morrey sent Billy Vojtek on his way and the former Australian international gave a stranded Bill Whiteside no chance with a cleverly executed chip.

Ajax could have taken over but Frankston had different ideas.

Bob Adams was a threat in the air all day and he finally struck on the stroke of half time when he headed home a Bruce Young cross at the far post.

The visitors started the second half with their midfield, led by Gerry Bennett and Jimmy Dunne, gaining the upper hand.

After Frankston's Bill Buchanan was injured, the home team seemed to lose its composure and in this period Bennett latched onto a clearance and his hard, deflected shot gave Whiteside little hope.

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 MAKEDONIA 3 (Lucchesi, Cullen, Ward).

W. SUBURBS: Mitanidis — Jim Daperis, Glykokalamos, Jaworski, Daglis (sub Marston 15th) — John Daperis (inj. sub. J. Christoudias), Kuplar, N. Christoudias — Theodoridis, Kypros, Adamgkila.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner — Rainey, Flavell, Higham, Beach — Stoikos (sub Garthwaite 90th) Leabini (sub Nacevali 80th) Lucchesi — Cullen, McMillan, Ward.

Western Suburbs is in the middle of a player crisis caused by injury.

John Daperis had to leave the field early, and the home side was unable to field Steve Carr, Kit Grechan, and Jim Kypirtidis.

Young Nick Christoudias had a difficult job against the tough Makedonia midfield and the usual early Makedonia pressure caught the Suburbs back four in disarray.

If not for Mike Glykokalamos, the scoreline would have been a major embarrassment to Wests.

The first goal was a gem by Claude Lucchesi who volleyed an attempted clearance straight into the back of the net from the edge of the area.

Then Robert Cullen out-jumped Wests keeper Alex Mitanidis to nod home the second.

Makedonia's inability to score freely in the second half can be put down to great defensive play by Glykokalamos and atrocious finishing by Lucchesi and Eric Lesbird.



• VSF secretary George Wallace (right), congratulates Mr Paul Azzopardi on the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in gratitude for Mr Azzopardi's effort towards the building of Green Gully's new social rooms opened on the weekend.

TIBIA SAFE SHINGARDS

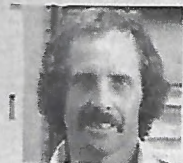
JUVE VULNERABLE

State League leader Preston Makedonia faces free-scoring Juventus at B. T. Connor Reserve and should take both points in an attractive encounter of fast attacking soccer on Sunday.

If Croatia and Western Suburbs can walk through the Juve defence, Makedonia's Robert Cullen, George McMillan and Gary Ward should score with their eyes shut.

Juve coach Manny Poulakis is searching for a ball winning midfielder.

SELECTIONS



• Our guest tipster this week is Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan (pictured). Bobby's selections with likely winners in capitals:

- MAKEDONIA v Juventus** at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
- HAKOAH v Western Suburbs** at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
- Altona v CROATIA** at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
- George Cross v Croydon** (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.
- GREEN GULLY v Slavia** at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
- Frankston v Sunshine** (draw) at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.



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Backing the beer swill

THE STARS of the England soccer squad claim that the 100,000 pound beer money deal they have signed with a top brewery "need not be an endorsement of drunkenness."

Let's hope not. But the sight of Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis and Co opening pubs and taking part in sponsored competitions is clearly designed to boost beer sales.

After all, that's what Courage is paying for. According to brewery director Frank Cockayne: "It will give us a tremendous advantage over our rivals."

His firm is convinced it is on a winner. But soccer may not be.

Every study of crowd violence and hooliganism has shown that alcohol is a major cause of aggression.

Most clubs are trying hard to control, or ban, drinking at their grounds. The top players in the land have now made the job more difficult.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with sponsorship. With so many Football League clubs in financial trouble, it can provide them with a vital cash lifeline.

But that is no excuse for the highly-paid stars of the England team. They can afford to be choosy. And they have made a very unfortunate choice.

By lining their own pockets, with apparently little thought for the possible consequences, the England squad has let the side down badly. — From "Daily Star"

Sir Stanley? How much?

By MAURICE RICHARDS
in the "Daily Star"

THE lads from a working men's club got a shock when they tried to contact Sir Stanley Matthews for the picture of a lifetime.

They were on a fortnight's soccer holiday in Malta playing against local teams.

And they wanted a team photograph taken with the 65-year-old maestro — who lives on the island.

It would have been a memorable souvenir to take home to Blackpool where Sir Stanley is a freeman and still the local hero.

But when Stan Druce, secretary of Blackpool's Stanley Road Workingmen's Club phoned Sir Stanley's luxury home he was told: "Any business transactions with Sir Stanley must have a fee involved."

Mr. Druce, 53 who arranged the 140 pound-a-head trip for 15 players and 12 supporters, said: "I was stunned and disappointed."

"I didn't even get to speak to him. A woman I took to be his secretary said there would have to be a fee so I told her not to bother and rang off."

"I'd already written to him twice before we left England but I hadn't received any reply."

"When we got to Malta someone gave me Sir Stanley's phone number so I decided to have one last try."

"I wish I hadn't bothered. His attitude has soured memories of him for a lot of us."

The picture had been planned before the lads took on European Cup team Valetta for a friendly match.

Mr. Druce said: "The tour was a huge success apart from the business over the picture."

"The Malta FA like us so much they have even offered free accommodation and help with travel if we go back next year."

At Sir Stanley's villa, overlooking the Mediterranean, a friend said: "Sir Stanley and Lady Matthews are away in Australia."

"I know nothing about the way he runs his business affairs."

FIRST \$1 MIL. SCOT

Bruce Rioch, captain of Scotland's World Cup team in Argentina, is now with Seattle Sounders. Three of his former colleagues with Derby County—Allan Hinton, David Nish and Roger Davies — are also with the Seattle side.

Steve Archibald, the 22-year-old Aberdeen striker, could become Scotland's first million pound player once his club's commitments for this season are over. Tottenham Hotspur, which already has had a £50,000 pound offer refused, has first option on Archibald and it seems certain the player who cost a mere 20,000 pounds from Clyde two years ago will lineup at White Hart Lane for the new season in August.

Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Derby County and Bristol City have all shown interest in Archibald.

Archie Gemmill, still playing as well as ever with Scotland and Birmingham City, has given notice he intends to quit the playing side in about 12 months and

go into club management. Gemmill also has said he intends to fashion his future management career on his former boss, Brian Clough, whom he served both at Derby and Nottingham.

Moves are afoot by the Managers', Secretaries and Coaches' Association in England to curb or stop transfers on credit. Manchester City, still paying off the million-plus transfer of Gerry Daley from Wolves, has another three years to finalise payment to Norwich City for Kevin Reeves. Wolves themselves still owe Aston Villa a large slice of the Andy Gray transfer, while reports indicate that Real Madrid still owe West Bromwich part of the Laurie Cunningham deal of last year.

Now that Hibs are relegated (unless reconstruction saves them) and thrashed out of the Scottish Cup semi by Celtic it's odds on that George Best will be allowed to find fresh pastures.

Ian Rush, the 18-year-old Chelsea striker, has been the subject of a 300,000 pound inquiry from Liverpool.

Manchester United is almost certain to make a tour of the United States during the British close season.

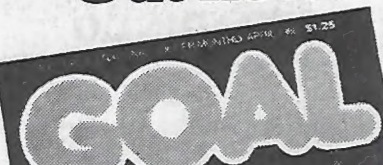
Stan Bowles, the Nottingham Forest, midfielder who joined them from Queens Park Rangers in December for 250,000 pounds and has not been a first team regular, could find his days with Brian Clough are numbered as his boss is not enamoured with Bowles' work rate.

If West Germany doesn't win the European Championship this summer it won't be because it's neglected preparation.

The driver of the team coach has just spent a week in Italy. Believe it or not, he has been driving the vehicle from the training centre in Rome to the Olympic Stadium to familiarise himself with the route and the time it takes for the journey.

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Caspar Memering — scored in Hamburg's 5-1 win against Real Madrid.

HAMBURG FACES FOREST

Real Madrid's dream of winning the 25th European Cup Final was shattered by Germany's Hamburg which rattled in five goals against the Spaniards solitary reply.

Hamburg came back from a 2-0 deficit in the first leg in Spain.

England's Nottingham Forest kept alive its chance of successfully defending its title by keeping the Dutch at bay and losing 1-0 to Ajax Amsterdam, thereby getting to the final by an aggregate score of 2-1.

Forest and Hamburg will do battle in the final of the European Cup in the Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid, on May 28.

An 87th minute header by 20-year-old substitute Paul Vaessen enabled England's Arsenal to become the British club to beat Juventus in Turin in the history of European club championships.

Arsenal's Cup in Brussels on May 14 against Valencia of Spain which crushed Nantes of France 4-0 to record a convincing 5-2 aggregate victory.

In Amsterdam: AJAX AMSTERDAM (Holland) 1 (Lerby) NOTTINGHAM FOREST (England) 0. Forest won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Turin: JUVENTUS (Italy) 0 ARSENAL (England) 1 (Vaessen) Arsenal won 2-1 on aggregate.

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In Frankfurt: EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (West Germany) 5 (Pezzey 2, Karger 2, Lorent) BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Dremmler). After extra time, Dremmler scored. Eintracht won 5-3 on aggregate.

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Ken Murphy of Essendon Croatia loses a fight as he clears in front of Heidelberg's Sotomiris (right). In the background is Mike Paton.

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Team	P
Latrobe Valley	1	2	0	0	4	0	1	Ballarat	1
Geelong	2	2	0	0	4	0	2	Geelong	2
Traralgon	3	2	0	0	4	0	3	Traralgon	3
Warragul	4	2	0	0	4	0	4	Warragul	4
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Vlatko Belic

Vlatko Belic, the tall, goalscoring midfielder of Footscray J.U.S.T., passed up a brilliant career in athletics to become a soccer player.

He was the Victorian schools under 13 long jump champion while at Richmond High School and continued showing promise at long jump and triple jump with the St. Stephens Athletics Club.

But after a few kick-about with friends at school, Belic decided that soccer was more fun so he joined J.U.S.T. at the age of 13 and eventually gave up athletics.

He played also at school and when he was in third form, Richmond High won the Victorian championship.

Now Belic is poised to partner Paul Kay of St. George and Peter Raskopoulos of Marconi in the middle of the Australian youth team in the finals of the Coca-Cola World Youth Championship to be played in Australia next year.

"I think that under coach Rudi Gutendorf we will learn a lot and provided we all give every ounce of effort, I don't see why we shouldn't reach the final, or at least the semi-finals," he said this week.

Belic, 18, will be a key player for Australia, just as he was in the Victorian youth team that won the national championship by beating Western Australia in the final last year. With five goals, he was top scorer in the tournament.

Belic played every position from goalkeeper to left winger while with the J.U.S.T. juniors, so he has a good grounding in all aspects of the game, even though the juniors failed to win any titles.

He was promoted to senior soccer in 1977, when he was 15. He was the team's top scorer with 12 goals in 1978. He was switched to midfield in 1979 but still scored six times.

The then coach, Cedo Cirkovic, gave Belic his first PSL game in early 1978, against Brisbane City, because many senior players were injured.

"I was included in the squad just to make up the numbers," he remembers. "Alan Parrott was supposed to play but just before the kick-off, he told

Belic: he shackled Krncevic



LEIF JENSEN

This week I will finish my article on positive reinforcement, in the hope that some players might have changed their attitude by reading these three instalments.

Each player must set his own standards and goals. He must strive to achieve whatever level of soccer he wants to reach. That level might be a local team or the highest division in the State or country.

Positive reinforcement, feeling good about yourself, setting and attaining targets and then going on to the next targets, are ways of getting there.

You should try to learn as much about yourself as possible by being aware of everything that is happening around you, and at the same time feel good about yourself.

Don't let the negative part of your game bring you down. Just look at your positive points and gain confidence from these. You must try to analyse the things that happened during the game which didn't go well for you and correct them.

You always will have a positive base to draw on you will be doing "magic" things, heading the ball well, chipping it well, being good at counter-attacks, and surely defending or attacking well at certain points in your game.

These positive things will build up a base for you to draw on when you might otherwise be depressed.

Most professional soccer players will exude an air of self-confidence, an element that is essential to survival among top soccer talent in the world.

Attitude is half the game. You have to be well prepared mentally to play a good game ... you have to believe you're going to win ... you must always think that you are better than your opponents.

There has to be a certain level where you develop your own abilities without a coach. When you have the self-confidence to stand on your own two feet, you will feel good about yourself. Then, and only then, will you have the ability to handle your opponent and any situation that might come up in a game.

I believe that many of you players see only the negative when challenged, instead of making the most out of the situation. A typical negative reaction would be saying: "It's raining so we are going to be beaten in today's game." The positive approach would be to figure out what advantages can be gained from playing in the rain and use them!

When against an opponent who is an excellent player, you should want to find out what makes him so good, and then work out how you are going to stop or beat him. You should try to negate his good play with your good play. Once you can do this you can class yourself as a soccer player of some quality.

Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.

5. Send the information to "Soccer Action" 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals! The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

STEVE SVAGANOVIC, 11 (Dandenong); PETER CLARKE, 13 (Greensborough); JOHNNY SMOLJKO, 12 (Kooragang Island); DEAN SINKOVIC, 11 (Melbourne); DARREN COOK, 13, five goals; CHRIS GALLOS, 11, five goals; MARKOU, 15, four goals (East Bentleigh); TONY VALLA, WILLIAM KOSTEAS, DAVID ZIVKOVIC (Northern United); GEOFF SPARKS, 11, five goals (Broadmeadows); MARTIN LEE, 12 (Sandringham); NICK GOURLAIS, 13, four goals (Richmond); GAVIN PAINE, 15 (Morwell Pegasus).

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WATCH THE ROVERS

Polonia and Doveton broke clear of the pack in the Metro First Division.

Albion Rovers slipped into third spot in a reversal of its Dockety Cup form and is capable of applying pressure to the two front runners.

Richmond's much publicised jump to First Division has ended with a crash to the bottom of the league and questions must be asked about the reputed quality of its playing staff.

Morwell Falcons dropped a point and surrendered leadership status in a fast, entertaining game against a young Melbourne side worthy of the draw it achieved.

Park Rangers jumped to the top of the table after a 1-0 victory over a spirited Hellas team.

Frankston Pines continued its relentless trip to the division by hammering four past Heidelberg while Ringwood Utd stayed in second spot.

The top of the Fourth Division is wide open after leaders Mornington faltered with a 1-1 draw against Keysborough and second placed Brighton lost to Corio which is hard to beat in Geelong.

DIVISION TWO

MELBOURNE 1 (Mathews) MORWELL 1.

MELBOURNE: Toth, Cuff, Bird, Dinnochy, Cerra - Theodoropoulos, Fieldes, Kaser - Fokis (sub Mathews), Diamantaris, Bektas.

DONCASTER ROVERS 2 BELL PARK 2

SCORERS: Rovers: K. Humble, Antelma, BELL PARK: Munoz, Ortiz (pen), Rovers: Lawton, Rankin, Hall, Teer, Hughes, Scott, Willenberg, Humble K. Humble, J. Anselme, Barbering, Carson, Hibbit, Allen, Kotopoulos.

BELL PARK: Vajda, Milosovic, Colar, Lavar, Munoz, Smilovic, Vanderchich, Bozovski, Skuz, Wernock, Ortiz, Cuck, Babic, Pezdle, Filipovski.

BEST PLAYERS: Rovers: Humble K. Anselme, BELL PARK: Ortiz, Skuz.

PORT MELBOURNE 2 WAVERLEY CITY 1.

SCORERS: Lazzaris & Lambropoulos.

PORT MELBOURNE: Karamovits, Triantafyllidis, Paganis, Tyros, Takianos, Kotoris (65' Lekkas), Tsalas, D'Toile, Lambropoulos, Buchan, Lazaridis.

BEST PLAYERS: Port Melbourne: Tyros, D'Toile, Lamprou, Poulis.

DIVISION THREE FRANKSTON PINES 4 HEIDELBERG 1

SCORERS: PINES: Golby, Mitchell (Pen), Malcolm, Thomas, Brett.

PINES: Stutchbury, Thomas, Mitchell, Terry, Paulding, Dobson, Cameron, Murray, Malcolm, Golby, Watson, Subs: Bennett, Efran, Francis.

HEIDELBERG: Ralph, Crawley, Watson, Cameron, Mowatt, Reid, McAuliffe.

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The Victorian Leagues

UNITED: Raa, Milosovic R. Milosovic, L. D'Amore, Ballestrero, Napolianno, Torelli, Tamas, Budic, Ergovic, Friziero, Res. De Mela, Crivelli, Herzog.

BEST PLAYERS: E Brunswick: Brimant, Madoff, Di Biasi, United: Budic, Napolianno, Friziero.

DIVISION THREE ROSANNA 1 CLIFTON HILL 2

SCORERS: CLIFTON HILL: Karalamis, Vitgukas.

CLIFTON HILL: Saavedra E. Matenas B. Patsikas K. Papotlou P. Misirotis G. (Vavvas) B. Varelis B. Bookogianne C. Kasi A. Vitgukas J. Lorenzi M. Karalamis I.

BEST PLAYERS: Clifton Hill: Matenas B. Vitgukas J. Varelis B. MOE UNITED 2 v. SOUTH DANEDONG 1

SCORERS: MOE: Valla, McGarrity.

SOUTHS: Sharp, Amoretti. MOE: McVick, Brad, McAllister, Paul, Stansbury, Mason, Romyn, Valla, S. McGarrity (sub Spiteri), I. McGarrity (sub Murdoch), Mason.

SOUTHS: A.L. Skinner, Guillemis, J. Romero, D'Argent, Sharp, Tuya, Saladinas, M. Romero, Almaraz, Amoretti.

BEST PLAYERS: Away team: Sharp, Tuya, Skinner.

DIVISION TWO MOONEE PONDS 2 CHELTENHAM 1

SCORERS: MOONEE PONDS: Infelice 2.

MOONEE PONDS: Parisi, Vizzini, Sesto, Tartaglia, Vizzini, R. Gallio, F. Basso, Scorsio, Zavatone, Rado, Infelice, Paglia, Severino.

BEST PLAYERS: Moonee Ponds: Vizzini, Paglia, Zavatone.

DIVISION TWO NORTH MELBOURNE UTD 3 CENTRAL BRUNSWICK 2

SCORERS: UNITED: Fidiogianis (Pen) Myres 2. C. BRUNSWICK: Espinoza 2.

YARRA: Fry, Zachore, Gormak, Raynes, Ryan, White, L. Damarchi, Conner, Hoffender, Galla, D. Dimarcho, Cester, Parry, Barry.

BEST PLAYERS: Oakleigh: Teldis, Pechivovids, Agrezi, Kalykalis, Stergiou, Yarra: White, L. Conner, D. Damarchi.

ESSENDON CITY 1 HAMLYN RANGERS 0

SCORERS: C. Essendon: Spouras, Psaltidis, Ignatidis, Triplio (F), Cappon, Mannin, Makhous, Sodomos, Banda, Tribuzi (G). KOUROUNO: Res. Harna de jure.

HAMLYN: Wydam, Shurtleworth, J. Tulone, Ogilvie, Mc. Allen, Frider, Muir, Fraser, Murray, Melp, Grogan, Res. Prior, McMechan.

BEST PLAYERS: Essendon: Spouras, Cappon, Tribuzi, Hamlyn: McMillen, Shurtleworth, Fraser.

DIVISION TWO CARLTON 3 HAWKS BURN 1

SCORERS: Stojanovic, Pejovic.

CARLTON: M. Cvijic, B. Milosavicevic, Z. Milosavicevic, B. Dorevich, D. Milosavicevic, N. Rajic, L. Stojanovic, P. Tevovic, P. Krnjic, Z. Pejovic, Z. Krnjic (T. Samanovic, B. B. Milosavicevic).

HAWKS BURN: A. Mazari, A. Seymesli, T. Bender, J. Sabo, J. Hegedus, D. Bulic, I. Losonc, P. Palinkas, J. Bess, S. Glesany, P. Ladic, J. Regan, in S. A. Meziou, S. Derek in 75, S. Bleskani, J. Kamler in 1. Losonok.

BEST PLAYERS: Carlton: Dimi Milosavicevic, Bosko Dorevich, Zelko, Milosavicevic, Hawksburn: Ferenc Palinkas, Steve Bleskani, Diego Bulic.

LANGWARRIN UNITED 3 BALLARAT 0

SCORERS: Hoskins 2, Cooke.

BEST PLAYERS: Langwarrin: Hoskins, Givier, Cauley, Cooke.

EAST BRUNSWICK 1 NUNAWADING UNITED 1

SCORERS: E Brunswick: Padula.

E Brunswick: Di Biasi, Lucchiali, Papadimitriou, Brantano, Madoff, Torres, Tacci, Centorino, Vamouliadis, Padula, Distinosante, RES: Kinez, Bocci, Nuzzo.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

BRIGHTON 2 (C. Antoniou, Anastasiadis) M.O.D. R. OOLBARK 1 (Wharmby)

BRIGHTON: Stuart Banister - G. Banister, Trank, Liebel, Stephen Banister - G. Morgan - O'Neill, Baum (sub McGuinness) Anastasiadis, Antoniou.

MOOROOLBARK: Van Eekelen - McElhone, B. Boyd, Wharmby, Bradley, Hammett, M. Boyd, Bouhuys, Griffiths, S. Boyd.

KOOYONG RANGERS 2 BALWYN CITY 3

SCORERS: Payet, Chronis, Gorman, Leong, Payton.

KOOYONG: T. Espason, Hoareau, Gammell, Green, Sullivan, Ligidakis, Payet, Payet, Morel, Morel, Payet, Morel, Morel, Payet, Sub Chronis.

BALWYN: Shepero, Boffa, Addison, Clark, Norden, Sidi, Peyton, Enright, Gorman, Gaskley, Leong.

BEST PLAYERS: Koooyong: Payet, Sullivan, Balwyn: Clark, Boffa.

Peter Kolandt dies

Mr Peter Kolandt, one of the most energetic officials in the Victorian Metropolitan League, died suddenly last Sunday.

Mr Kolandt was a foundation member of Keilor-Austria and also founded the club's junior division.

His son, Peter Jr., played for Austria and is now with St. Albans.

The Keilor Austria committee has expressed deep regret, and sincere thanks for Mr Kolandt's help, both practical and financial, over the many years he was associated with the club.



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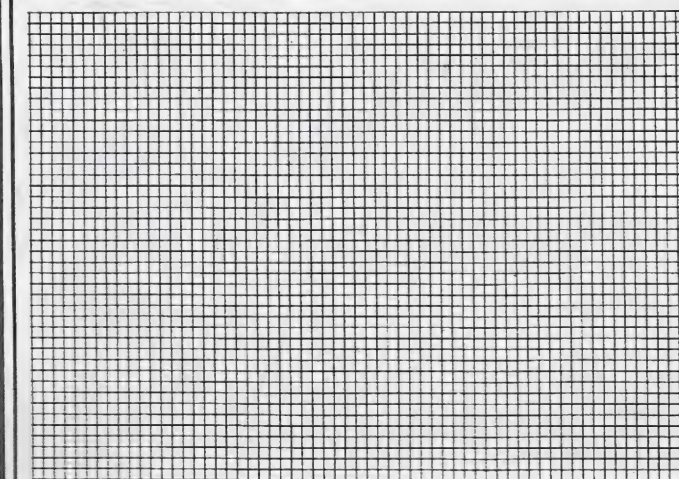
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CULINA FOR SYDNEY

Essendon Croatia has agreed to release disgruntled young star Branko Culina to Sydney Croatia.

Culina is expected to play his first game in Sydney on Sunday.

The money Sydney Croatia has offered Culina is believed to make him one of the highest paid players in State Soccer.

Essendon Croatia will not charge a transfer fee until next season, should Culina decide to remain in Sydney.

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SOCCER ACTION

● St. George Budapest traditionally has been one of the leading soccer clubs in Australia, although it has had a poor run in recent seasons. During its best years, St. George provided the bulk of Australia's national team, including captain Johnny Warren, Manfred Schuster, Jim Fraser, Adrian Alston, Harry Williams, Mike Denton, Attila Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Don Sandell, Doug Ujlesenovic, Jack Reilly and George Harris. Saints have lost many of its top players in recent years and coach Raul Blanco has the difficult job of building a new team. Saints' major honours: NSW Division One champions 1967, 71, 74, 76; premiers: 62, 72, 76; Ampol Cup winners: 60, 67, 72, 76. Saints' top player is veteran Soccerer Doug Ujlesenovic.



**Official Camera of
the 1978 Soccer World Cup
Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

From left, standing: Charlie Juricic (manager), Doug Ujlesenovic (from Footscray J.U.S.T. 1971), Howard Waddy (1980 from reserves), Dave McIntosh (1980 from Sydney Olympic), Mike Watson (1980 from reserves), Don Smith (1980 from Sydney Olympic), Peter Terry (from juniors), Peter Terry (from juniors), Nigel Groom (1979 from Everton, England), Dennis Duarte (1979 from NSW amateur league), Paul Kay (1977 from Wollongong), Billy Griffiths (1980 from APJA), John Davies (1980 from Canberra City), Roy Cotton (1979 from England), Richard Vamine (1980 from Melita Eagles), Nick Fenoughty (1979 from Croatia), Tom Mihajlovic (1979 from Avila), Rudi Gnavi (1977 from Pan Hellenic).

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Tottenham	41	11	4	5	30	22
Leeds Utd	41	9	7	4	28	17
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Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001 (08) 332 5614

SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington
(08) 332 5614 — 332 5618

COLOURS: Black & White.

SPONSORS: United Brokers

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at
Olympic Sports Field/Adelaide/Sunday 2.30 pm.



LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: W. Wallace

GROUND: Lambert Park
Phone 569 6845 (Match days)

Promotion Officer: T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187

Colours: Maroon, Sky Blue

This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN CITY** at
Lambert Park/Sydney/Sunday 3 pm.



BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

COACH: M. Jones

GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

COLOURS: white, red black trim,
black, red white trim
black red white

This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT** at
Lambert Park/Sydney/Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v **ST. GEORGE** at
St. George Stadium/Sydney/Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saffich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: STOCK 84 BRANDY

This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at
Perry Park/Brisbane/Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukalo — (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at
Marconi Stadium/Sydney/Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands,
07 (phone) 372 2989

Colours Orange and Blue

This week's match: v **MARCONI FAIRFIELD** at
Marconi Stadium/Sydney/Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess 534 5048
& 534 5462
(Restaurant) 534 4141

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY**
(watch daily press for venue), Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078.

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR:

BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at
Bruce Stadium/Canberra/Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

Colours: Red, White & Green

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at
St. George Stadium Sydney/Sunday 3 pm.



HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.
(03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold

COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Olympic Sports Field/Adelaide/Sunday 2.30 pm.



SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: P. Russell (phone) 02 30 3344

COACH: E. Thomson

GROUND: E. S. Marks Field

Colours: Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts,
Red Socks

This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
Perry Park/Brisbane/Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: R. Ille

GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE**
watch daily press for venue/Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.

COACH: G. Chaldi

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts

SPONSOR: Dominion Finance.

This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at
Bruce Stadium/Canberra/Sunday 3 pm.

